

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, We live in a time in which many, including educators, the clergy and officials of government, express great concern over an apparent lack of values that afflicts our society; and,

WHEREAS, The most profound notions of personhood and social order, such as the sanctity of life, the rewards of work, the pursuit of happiness, the right of individual freedom, and the equality of all people, were first encountered in the great sacred writings that we know as The Bible; and,

WHEREAS, It has been observed by no less a person than Justice Tom C. Clark that "The fact that the Founding Fathers believed devotedly that there was a God and that the unalienable rights of man were rooted in Him is clearly evidenced in their writings, from the Mayflower Compact to the Constitution itself."; and,

WHEREAS, The religious influence that gives us our most essential values and helped shape our nation is best learned by reading and studying the Bible; and,

WHEREAS, The necessity of educating all of the American people, but especially the youth, to the values that distinguish a humane and caring society; and,

WHEREAS, The Laymen's National Bible Association has created a campaign for National Bible Week on the theme To Know Where You're Going, Read The Bible to urge all Americans to increased Bible reading habits;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 22 to 29, 1987, as

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

in South Dakota, and urge all my fellow citizens to participate in its observances by reading the holy Scriptures and in other appropriate ways that will help to instill an awareness and appreciation of the values that enhance the quality of life for all our people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JAMES HAZLETINE, SECRETARY OF STATE